

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The golf tee according to ~~claim~~
2Claim 6, wherein the protrusion length L of the ribs
protruding from the ball-holding member is ~~set at~~ a length
that does not cause the ribs to deform beyond their plasticity
and ~~to become brittle even when~~ the ribs are pressed until the
ball enters into contact with the round loop base ~~at the base~~
~~of the protruding ribs~~ and the ribs are bent radially outward.

4. (Currently Amended) The golf tee according to ~~claim~~
1Claim 6, wherein the top of said stick pin is integrated by
injection molding with the lower end of the connecting member.

5. (Currently Amended) The golf tee according to ~~claim~~
1Claim 6, wherein the top of each rib is formed in the shape
of a globe.

6. (New) A golf tee comprising:
a stick pin having a tapered lower end for insertion
into the ground;
a ball-holding member for holding a ball placed on
top of the stick pin and having a tubular form with a hollow
part inside, a small hole provided at the bottom of the hollow
part and a round loop base provided at an upper portion
thereof; and

a flexible connecting member having a lower end fixed with the stick pin and an upper end having a flange provided thereon, the flexible connecting member slidably binding the ball-holding member to the stick pin,

wherein the connecting member is inserted into the hollow part through the small hole, the flange of the connecting member has notches for allowing air to pass upward between the flange and the ball-holding member and a plurality of ribs extend in the axial direction of the ball-holding member around the periphery thereof at a regular interval therebetween and protrude from the round loop base.

7. (New) The golf tee according to Claim 6, wherein the flange of the connecting member has a plurality of through holes for allowing air to escape upward.